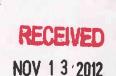


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Re: Butler Valley Quarries, Plan UTU-67098 Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument

Dear Ms. Abeyta:

The final reclamation inspection for the Alabaster Mine was completed on October 24, 2012 by BLM inspector, Jack Norman. The reclamation work including earthwork, seed bed preparation, and seeding was completed by the operator, Ben Lamoreaux, Alpine Gems and Minerals. The completed work was in compliance with the Plan of Operations – Reclamation Plan, dated February 2002, and the Order to Reclaim Decision, dated March 26, 2012.

Therefore I recommend an 80% reduction in the Operator's Reclamation Bond based on the work completed to date. The remaining 20% held, totaling \$4500, will be available for future reseeding if necessary.

If you have any questions on the above please contact Jack Norman of my staff at (435) 644-1233.

Sincerely,

Monument Manager

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Peter Brinton, DOGM (UDOGM file S/025/0016, Butler Valley Quarries)
Ben Lamoreaux, Alpine Gems and Minerals